

Truckers Convoy and Protective Services

Key Messages – February 5, 2022 9:24 AM

Meeting participants:

Brenda Lucki, Mike Duheme – RCMP

Rob Stewart – Public Safety

David Vigneault – CSIS

Jody Thomas, Jacqueline Bogden – PCO

Michael Keenan – Transport Canada

Chief Peter Sloly – OPS

Steve Kanellakos, Steve Box – City of Ottawa

This meeting was called to discuss the situation in Ottawa.

- First, I would like to thank the City for the use of City Hall as a staging area for the RCMP to support our Parliamentarians accessing Parliament Hill.
- Although numbers of demonstrators have been around a few hundred this week, I recognize we could see an increase today. At this time, we do not have an estimate of the potential crowd size.
- I have been advised of the farm vehicles that arrived downtown very early this morning, as well as three convoys on their way from Quebec. Current reporting has the convoys totalling 110 vehicles and two 18-wheelers.
- The RCMP has deployed additional members to support the OPS and their mandate. This deployment started yesterday (February 4th) and consists of 40 members (20/20).
- As you are aware, there are a number of solidarity protests taking place across the country, most of which are in areas where the RCMP is the police of jurisdiction. Therefore, the RCMP must balance the potential deployment needs from across the country and all of its evolving needs.

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- There are significant logistics required prior to deployment in Ontario – for example the need to have the identified members sworn in under the *Ontario Police Services Act* so they are able to enforce provincial and municipal legislation – and so these delays are normal and expected.
- We also understand that there are also discussions underway between OPS and the OPP, who have agreed to stand up their Provincial Emergency Operations Center to enhance coordination efforts, and who may also deploy additional resources to support on the ground.
- We are aware of the protestors setting up a permanent structure for their own purposes and stockpiling supplies of propane and gas in Confederation Park, and that OPS has been meeting with the NCC to discuss an approach to removing the structure.
- I understand the frustration of Ottawa residents, City Council, and the Ottawa Police as this situation continues on. We continue to work together on this evolving situation.

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